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Of the Right Honorable

Thomas Lord Fairfax,

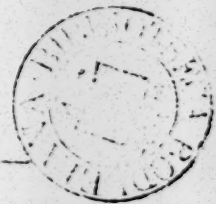
AND

The Knights and Gentry in the

North of *England*. With the Raising of Forces in the North,
West, and Eastern Ridings of Yorkshire; And the Ren-
devonizing of fifteen hundred Horse at *Manston*
Moor, and another great Body near the
City of YORK.

Also, the securing of *Cliffords Tower*,

Carlisle, Leeds, Halifax, Skipton, and divers other places:
And the Lord *Lamberts* Resolution, at a General
Council of Officers. With Orders and Instru-
ctions to several Regiments.



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*The Resolution of the Lord Lambert;
And the Rising of the Lord
Fairfax in the North.*

UPon the arrive of Col. *Salmon* with the Lord *Lambert* in the North, and representing the great Turn of Affairs in the South, a Council of Officers was immediatly called, where (by some) it was resolved, to deter all further motion towards Gen. *Monck*, and to acquiesce in the Parliament, and to yield obedience to their authority; but col. *Lilburn* is the onely man that hath heightned *Lambert*, notwithstanding the Revolt of above six hundred horse, besides the Irish Brigade, who have declared for the Parliament, and returned to their former Duty & Obedience: insomuch, that col. *Lambert*, Major *Cress*, and some others, are in no small consternation, being resolved to consult their own Interest; and to that end are preparing Overtures for a submission, and 'tis believed they will accept of the Parliaments gracious Tender and Act of Indemnity. For the divisions of his Army are such, as give him no great encouragement to engage with them especially now they hear of the Parliaments sitting, as also upon receipt of the Orders dispatched by Lieutenant colonel *Pepper* from the Parliament, to require them

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them to return to their Obedience. Col. *Redman* is ordered the command of the Irish Brigade of Horse, and Lieu. colonel *Bret* (at present) hath the conduct of the Foot. The said Brigade hath subscribed an Engagement, and sent it inclosed in a Letter to Sir *Arthur Haslrigg*. Which Letter being read in Parliament it was resolved, That all the Officers who have signed this Engagement, and all the non-commissionated Officers and private Soldiers of the said Irish Brigade, shall be, and are hereby indemnified.

On Friday last, being the 30 of *December*, the Lord *Fairfax*, and most of the Gentry in the County of *York*, rendezvouzed near the City, and appeared with many hundreds in Arms, besides three Troops of the standing Army, all declaring for the Parliament; as manifestly appears by the following Declaration, viz.

W Hereas we cannot without much grief of heart, and consternation of spirit, consider and bewail the destructive confusions, that have plunged into Church and State, and the inevitable Ruine threatening the good people of this Nation, unless speedily and timely prevented, in this day of publique calamity; We therefore having earnestly besought the Lords to direct us in this great and weighty Affair, wherein the Liberty and peace of these Nations, and the Interest of the Godly and Faithful therein is so nearly concerned, do find it our duty to Declare, That we shall, through the strength of God, assert and maintain the Freedom and Priviledges of the present Parliament. the supreme Authority of these Nations, and not suffer the Members thereof to be illegally interrupted or molested in the discharge of their Duties; And we do solemnly avow to all the World, that our onely intention in doing this, is to preserve the Rights of our Country, and to protect and encourage all the Godly and Faithful therein; and likewise to establish the peace of these Nations, and the Government of a Free-State or Commonwealth.

The Lord *Fairfax* is marched to *Leeds*, having a great Body of Horse, and most of the Gentry in the West-Riding of *Yorkshire* have also appeared at a Rendezvouz with him, gallantly mounted

mounted, and well arm'd. Sir *Henry Cholmsley* hath also raised a considerable Body in the North Riding, and Sir *Hugh Bethyl*, and Sir *Francis Boynton*, have done the like in the East Riding, who on Thursday last Rendezvouzed fifteen hundred Horse, well armed, at *Maulson Moor*; all in generall declaring for the *Parliament*; and in deed such a great and voluntary Rising as this hath hardly ever been seen in *England*.

Divers other Counties have declared for the *Parliament*, amongst whom, the Counties of *Leicester* and *Warwick* have bin highly instrumental: from whence we hear, that the City of *Coventry* have declared wholly for the *Parliament*, and that the parts adjacent flocked into Colonel *Hacker* in such multitudes, that he might in a very short time, if occasion were, have formed a considerable Army, ready to assert the *Parliament*'s Interest. Upon his entering the City, he rode to the Market-place with Sir *John Norris*, having about five hundred Horse, and there declared for the *Parliament*. Since which time, They have been proclaimed at several other places, more especially at *Lynn* in *Norfolk*, where the Mayor and Burgeses of the said Town did not onely raise Forces for the *Parliament* but also disarmed such that were raised against the Authority thereof, taking away all their arms and ammunition: For which good and faithful service a Letter of Thanks was ordered to be sent to the said Mayor and Burgeses.

This great and providential Change, doth not onely appear obvious in most parts of *England*; but from *Ireland* also it is affirmed, That Major *Wilson* hath secured the city of *Limrick* for the *Parliament*. Lieu.col. *Nelson* is fled, being not *Parliament*-proof. *Waterford*, *London Derry*, and the City of *Cork* have also declared their concurrence. Besides, Colonel *Prity*, Governour of *Carlow*, hath submitted.

Munster, & *Limbrick* is surpris'd, *Clanmel* and *Rosse* have Declared this Way; *Kilkenny* and the Castle likewise: the Souldiers threatening to throw their Governour over the Walls, if He stood Out. In fine, there is a continual Intercourse between the Scottish and Irish Souldiery.

The Parliament have Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Inspections to examine what moneys have bin raised and taken up in the severall Counties of this Commonwealth, and by whom, and what is become of the same, with power to send for persons, papers, writings, &c.

Resolved by the Parliament. That all Officers who were in Commission on the 1th of October, 1659. and all other Officers and Souldiers in the late Defection and Rebellion, who have already submitted, and such as shall hereafter submit themselves, and have returned, or shall return to their Duty and Obedience to the Parliament, before the Ninth of this instant January, shall be, and are hereby pardoned and indemnified for Life and Estate, provided that this Vote doth not extend unto the pardoning of wilful Murther: and it is Ordered, That all such of the said Officers and Souldiers, who shall so return to their Duty and Obedience to the Parliament, shall be disposed of by the Council of State, Commissioners for the management of the Army, or General Monck.

Resolved, That John Lambert Esquire, shall be included in this Vote.

Ordered, That the Council of State do see that this Vote be put in execution.

The Committee appointed to treat with the City, reported, That it was the desire of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, to acquiesce in the *Parliament*, under whom God had blessed them with peace, when there was War throughout the whole Nation and to yield Obedience to their Authority.

Since the Raising and Rendevousing of the Yorkshire Horse by the Lord Fairfax, and the Gentry, the Design of colonel Lilburn is diverted, and the Tower of York secured for the Parliament; so that the Gentleman was forced to wheel about, and retreat with his two Troops to the Lord Lambert, who we hear hath commanded his Forces from the confines of *Northumberland, Westmerland, and Cumberland*, conceiving that through the remoteness of their Quarters, many interposed for a diversion; and that whole Troops, as well as Foot Companies, fall off

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The Town and Castle of *Carlisle* 'tis said, hath declared their concurrence with the Yorkshire Forces, who are ready for a conjunction, as occasion shall invite. *Skippon* or *Craven* hath assuredly declared for the *Parliament*, as also the castles of *Scarborough*, *Helmsey*, and divers other places; but what the intent and design of the *Lambersarians* are, in gathering to a Body; there is no certainty: yet 'tis probable, though many conjecture otherwise, that it may be in order to a Return from his late Desertion and Disobedience to the *Parliament*.

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